

**Parks Committee Meeting
Courthouse Conference Room A231
November 6, 2012 9:00 a.m.**

Call to Order: Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was properly announced.

Roll Call: Committee Members: Bob Eggebrecht, Jerry Kotlowski, Bill Miller, Jake Roseberry, and Paul Pisellini. Others present: Fred Nickel – Director Parks/Recreation, Rita Kolstad – Parks Admin. Clerk/Bookkeeper, Darren Tolley – Petenwell Park Manager, and Mark Miller – Castle Rock Park Manager.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Pisellini/Kotlowski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Previous Minutes: Motion by Kotlowski/Pisellini to approve the October 9, 2012, minutes as printed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Items:

Correspondences /Special User Requests: Director reported the UW Stevens Point professor position has been filled and he has fulfilled his obligation with the University.

Public Participation on Agenda Items: None.

Proposed County Algae Policy: Director reported on past algae policy meeting. It appears that although the Parks Department has stated the Department will support the policy but does not wish to be part of the trainings, monitoring, or signing, it appears the Parks Department will not be given the choice. The Director will be meeting with the Park Managers and a more streamlined algae policy will now be drafted vs. the current proposed policy. Motion by Pisellini/Kotlowski to appoint Bill Miller to represent the Parks Committee on the Algae Policy Committee. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Town of New Chester/Patrick Lake Park Future Operations: Director reported the Town of New Chester will be meeting November 19 to determine if they wish to take over operations at Patrick Lake Park.

Master Plan for Castle Rock Park Regarding A-F School District Property: Director met with a Rep from WRPC as well as a Rep from WI DNR that works with school forest projects and both agreed to work with the Parks Department on the proposed Outdoor Education Center to be located next to Castle Rock Park property. Support letters will be forthcoming, at which time Director will meet with the A-F School Board on the project.

Town of Monroe Correspondence on Roads: After speaking with a Town of Monroe Rep, Director anticipates the Town of Monroe will request excess sales tax dollars be allocated to roads in the area of Petenwell Park, in early 2013.

Outlying Parks Report: Hwy 21/13 wayside needs a security light in the bathroom area.

No-one is not taking responsibility for the damage done to the boat launch planks. Fenner Excavating will be repairing the Camelot landing which has the least damage. Sherwood, which has the most damage, will need additional concrete planks to prevent further damage. Sherwood will not be fixed till a plan is in place to prevent the damage from reoccurring.

The Department is considering not allowing power loading at Sherwood and Arrowhead in the future as damages have occurred due to this as well.

Castle Rock Park Report: Fall cleanup continues and winter projects are starting.

Petenwell Park Report: Fall cleanup continues with some tree cutting and preparing for winter. Director met with WRPC Rep at Petenwell Park and it was determined the 40 acres the Park had planned to develop for an ATV Campground is an Indian Burial Mounds area so it cannot be leased to the Park. Another area that is approximately 37 acres of WRPC land that is for sale was viewed; however, WRPC will not consider a 50/50 in kind match for the property which they want \$250,000.00 for. The Department will be looking at another 40 acre WRPC property as a possibility for the ATV Campground development. An ATV parking area will be setup as soon as the pulping is completed in the west end area which is being done to get the ATV's out of the Stewardship area they are currently in.

Trails Report: The Snowmobile Association set the snowmobile trails opening date of December 10, 2012, conditions permitting. The Association is dividing the County, the North Zone will be North of Hwy 21 and the South Zone is South of Hwy 21, so trails may be opened on one end of the County or the other as conditions warrant. The Association is also requesting an Ordinance change allowing trails to be re-opened with a 24 hour notice verses the current 48 hour notice.

ATV trails are closed for the season. The Monroe Prairie ATV Club has paid their ½ of the Jefferson trail segment lease agreement, the other half comes out of Petenwell Park revenues. The Department may be able to apply for DNR monies to pay for the ATV trail lease agreement in the future.

Revenue Report: Reviewed by Committee.

Expense Check Summary Report and Expense Report: Not published at meeting time.

Future Agenda Items: 2013 Proposed User Fees, Town of New Chester/Patrick Lake Future Operations, Algae Policy.

Set Next Meeting Date: December 11, 2012, 9:00 a.m., Courthouse Conference Room A231.

Adjourn: Motion by Kotlowski/Pisellini to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Submitted by,

Jerry Kotlowski
Parks Secretary

Minutes prepared by Rita Kolstad, Parks Clerk/Bookkeeper.
These minutes have not been approved by the Parks Committee.